

Peewees hope to draw even in OMHA final tonight

The Stouffville peewee Clippers were forced to work overtime in the first game of their best-of-five or first-to-six-point Ontario Minor Hockey Association A final against host Oakville Wednesday.

Unfortunately for the Clippers, they took an untimely penalty which Oakville capitalized on with just under two minutes remaining in the 10-minute extra session and fell 3-2.

Trailing 1-0 part way through the first period, the Clippers rallied to tie the game on a goal by Justin Dube.

After Oakville scored the lone goal of the second period to regain a 2-1 lead, the Clippers countered in the third period on a goal by Evan Smith to tie the game and force overtime.

Mitchell Smith and Eric Zambri each earned assists.

The series will resume tonight at the Stouffville Arena at 7:30 p.m. and return to Oakville March 20. Stouffville would host a fourth game, if necessary, March 22 at 5:10 p.m. A fifth game, if required, would be played in Oakville March 24 at 7 p.m. Should a sixth game be needed, Stouffville would play host March 29 at 8:10 p.m.

The winner will represent the OMHA at this year's Ontario Hockey Federation championships.

Minor peewee AEs in OMHA final

In making their recent debut in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association semi-

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finals against Aurora, the Stouffville minor peewee AE Clippers exhibited no signs of stage fright.

In fact, the Clippers required just four games in their best-of-five or first-to-six-point series to dispose of Aurora, which culminated with a 5-3 road win last Thursday to gain a berth in the final for the first time.

A balanced scoring attack paid dividends for the Clippers as five different players lit the red light including Taylor Peterson, Josh Carlin, Jackson Newlands, Tyler Moffatt and Ryan Daniels.

Tritan Thompson, Jason Mistelbacher, Peterson, Jake Espey and Moffatt each earned one assist.

Trevor Beaudoin played a solid game in goal to help preserve the win.

The Clippers drew first blood in the series with a 3-1 road win over Aurora Feb. 24.

In that game, Lukas Burkholder, Espey and Peterson each scored once.

Peterson, Daniels, Liam Timewell, Thompson and Mistelbacher each drew assists.

After Aurora rallied to even the series with a 6-0 win in Stouffville Feb. 28, the Clippers regained the upper hand in the series with a hard-fought 2-1 win in Stouffville March 3.

Timewell scored both goals for the Clippers.

Moffatt earned two assists while Espey and Nicholas Rabito each had one.

Beaudoin handled netminding duties for the Clippers.

The Clippers will now face Oakville in the best-of-five or first-to-six-point final, which began yesterday in Stouffville. The series will resume Sunday in Oakville and return to Stouffville March 20 at 7 p.m. The fourth game would return to Oakville March 23 and a fifth game, March 25 in Stouffville. A sixth game would be played in Oakville March 28.

Werek saves best for last

Ethan Werek scored his 29th goal of the season with .00 remaining in regulation time to force overtime and a subsequent shootout as the Kingston Frontenacs defeated the visiting Barrie Colts 4-3 in an Ontario Hockey League contest last Sunday.

The 17-year-old Stouffville-area resident and first-year forward with the Frontenacs scored the game-tying goal after teammate, Richmond Hill resident and off-season workout buddy Bobby Mignardi thought he deposited the equalizer with just 17 seconds remaining.

But video evidence revealed Mignardi's stick to be above his shoulders when he made contact with the puck.

But the Frontenacs persevered and got the eventual equalizer from Werek, who has 29 goals and 27 assists in 56 regular season

games and is eligible for this year's National Hockey League entry draft.

Werek played for the Stouffville Spirit, the Jr. A team co-owned by his father, Zeev Werek, last season.

More honours for Brunton

The honours keep pouring in for Henry Brunton.

The Stouffville resident, who also serves as Royal Canadian Golf Association national men's team coach and a golf instructor at Eagles Nest Golf Club in Thornhill, became the first Canadian to be named as one of the Top 50 Kids Teachers as chosen recently by U.S. Kids Golf.

Golf professionals who focus much of their time and energy on developing young golfers are eligible for this award.

The list was accumulated by nominations from golf professionals and others in the golf industry.

The teachers are judged according to 16 criteria, including percentage of time devoted to kids programs, creativity, communication and efforts to grow the game.

Creator of the Canadian Professional Golf Association's Teaching and Coaching certification program and earning CPGA Master Professional status in 2008, Brunton was also the first Canadian instructor to be listed among GOLF Magazine's Top 100 teachers.

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EGGXPERTS

Although it only opened its doors to eager Stouffville-area diners only a month ago, Eggxperts has already established a reputation for its healthy all-day breakfast menu and its warm and inviting family atmosphere.

Their success is due to the fact they use only fresh ingredients and trans fat-free oils, says owner Bernadine Thomas. "More than ever today, people want to eat healthy and nutritional breakfasts," says Bernadine. "Our customers want delicious choices that offer real nutrition and support a healthy lifestyle."

This is a full-service breakfast hot spot that includes the requisite bacon and eggs, but also extends itself with a wide selection of healthy, low-fat items, pancakes and waffles, scrambled eggs made with fresh market greens and omelets made with seasonal farmer's

vegetables. "While the emphasis is on healthy eating, we never forget that the food has to taste good, too," says Bernadine.

Another reason for Eggxperts' popularity is reasonable prices, with the more than 30 menu items starting as low as \$3.99. "There is nothing on the menu higher than \$10.99, and that's for our steak-and-eggs special," says Bernadine.

With its homespun charm, quick and friendly service and chef-designed menu, Eggxperts provides a homemade, fresh-from-the-grill taste to a host of healthy breakfast options.

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